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SUBJ: SAUDI- YAR RELATIONS

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1. IN RECENT MEETING WITH PRINCE SULTAN I TOLD HIM I HAD HAD CHANCE REVIEW CURRENT SITUATION IN YEMEN WITH OUR AMBASSADOR THERE AND HAD GAINED SOME IMPRESSIONS WHICH I THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO HIS HIGHNESS.
2. FIRST OF THESE WAS THAT PRESENT NORTH YEMEN GOVT SEEMED TO US TO BE PROVIDING COUNTRY WITH SOUND LEADERSHIP. PRESIDENT IRYANI AND HIS LEADING ADVISERS REGARD COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA AS MOST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE GUIDING THEIR ACTIONS.
3. TO SOME EXTENT, HOWEVER, YAR FINDS ITSELF PULLED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. WE THINK YARG IS WISE IN WANTING TO PRESERVE BROAD SUPPORT IT NOW ENJOYS AMONG ALL OTHER ARAB STATES WITH EXCEPTION IRAQ. THIS IS PALPABLY VALUABLE ASSET FOR YARG'S OVER- ALL POSTURE AND STRENGTH.
4. FINALLY, IT SEEMED TO US NORTH YEMEN HAD NO CHOICE BUT CONTINUE PRESENT CHARGE OF DIALOGUE WITH PDRY SUPPOSEDLY LOOKING TO EVENTUAL UNITY. WE REASONABLY CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT YAR CARRYING ON THIS DISCOURSE IN COMPLETELY REALISTIC FASHION, WITH FULL AWARENESS OF NEED FOR GUARDING AGAINST ANY UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH COULD PERMIT SIGNIFICANT ENLARGEMENT OF RADICAL OR COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN NORTH YEMEN.

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5. SULTAN NODDED AND APPEARED TAKE ALL THESE POINTS WITHOUT DEMURRER, REMARKING ONLY THAT SAUDI ARABIA COMMITTED TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH NORTH YEMEN. I ASKED WHEN HRH MIGHT BE PLANNING HIS OWN TRIP TO SANAA. SULTAN REPLIED THAT HE WANTED VERY MUCH MAKE SUCH VISIT BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER " FULL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED."

6. COMMENT: I THOUGHT IT REASSURING SULTAN EXPRESSED NO MISGIVINGS WITH REGARD PRESENT TREND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN YAR NOR DID HE HAVE ANY ADVERSE COMMENT ON PRESENT STATUS YARG' S COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA. I TOOK HIS REMARK REGARDING PLANS FOR VISIT TO SANAA TO MEAN SULTAN WOULD NOT TRAVEL THERE UNTIL SOME AGREEMENTS REACHED AS TO SPECIFICS OF SAUDI MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR YAR IN WAKE OF KABBANI MISSION. WE WILL ENDEAVOR INFORM OURSELVES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS RE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LATTER.  
THACHER

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